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SUBJECT: EA'S TENTATIVE PLANS FOR UNGA

1. BEGIN NOFORN.
WE ARE PRESENTLY THINKING OUT OUR PLANS FOR HIGH-LEVEL
MEETINGS WITH EAST ASIAN MINISTERIAL VISITORS DURING THE
FORTHCOMING GA. WHILE THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN
NEW YORK HAS NOT (RPT NOT) BEEN FIRMED UP, HE DOES PLAN

TO MEET WITH A NUMBER OF RANKING VISITORS. HE HAS ALSO AGREED TO CONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF HOSTING OR ATTENDING SEPARATE WORKING BREAKFASTS, LUNCHEES OR DINNERS WITH THE JAPANESE AND THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2. I ALSO HOPE THAT HE CAN HOST A LUNCH OR DINNER FOR THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH A GATHERING WOULD BE A MOST USEFUL FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECENT ASEAN WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON THIS POINT, HOWEVER. IF THE SECRETARY CAN HOST SUCH A GATHERING, IT WOULD REPLACE SEPARATE BILATERALS ON HIS CROWDED SCHEDULE. I BELIEVE THE ASEAN RELATIONSHIP IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE BILATERAL ISSUE AT THIS TIME.

3. I PLAN TO BE IN NEW YORK MYSELF FOR MUCH OF THE

PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 25-26 TO OCTOBER 6. I INTEND TO MEET WITH ALL OF THE HIGH-LEVEL EAST ASIAN VISITORS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE THE SECRETARY WILL ALSO BE SEEING THE EA MINISTERS, I WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MY APPOINTMENTS TO PRECEDE THE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. BASED ON LAST YEAR'S EXPERIENCE, I THINK THIS SEQUENCE CAN PROVIDE A BETTER FOCUS FOR THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS.
END NOFORN.

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4. YOU SHOULD NOT (RPT NOT) COMMENT ON ANY ASPECT OF THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE SINCE IT IS ONLY JUST BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE. YOU CAN ALERT YOUR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN OFFICES OF MY DECISION TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE UNGA. IN ORDER FOR EARLY PLANNING TO TAKE PLACE, WE WILL NEED DATES OF THE VISITS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THOSE CASES WHERE THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN FURNISHED. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION. CHRISTOPHER

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